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Letter dated 12 June 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw your attention to the statement issued on 2 June 1997 by the Presidency of the European Union concerning the accession of Cambodia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Myanmar to the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under item 38 of the preliminary list.

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ANNEX

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Statement issued on 2 June 1997 by the European Union on the accession of Cambodia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Myanmar to the Association of South-East Asian Nations

The European Union (EU) notes that the Foreign Ministers of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) have decided to accept Cambodia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Myanmar as full ASEAN members on the occasion of the forthcoming ASEAN ministerial meeting in July in Kuala Lumpur.

The Union looks forward to continued close cooperation between our two respective regions. On the occasion of this anniversary, EU wishes to reaffirm its commitment to the EU-ASEAN dialogue and to the promotion of shared values, including respect for human rights and democratic principles. It trusts that membership of ASEAN will further these aims in the new member States and in particular in Myanmar, where the situation in this regard continues to be of serious concern to the international community.